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VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF EXPLOSIVE ACT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the cases on the violation of provisions of Explosives Act reported during the last two years ;

(b) whether these violations were of serious nature ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curb such violations in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c) The following number of cases on violation of provisions of Explosives Act have come to the notice of Department of Explosives during the last two years :

Nature of Violations	Number of cases
Excess Storage	16
Non submission of monthly returns	23
Encroachment of safety distances	5
Manufacture / storage of unauthorized explosives	13
Accidents	6
Unsafe practices	113
Total	176

Some of these violations were serious in nature. In cases of violations, action is taken against the license holders as per the provisions of the Explosives Act. Department of Explosives conducts regular periodic inspections of such premises to curb violations. It has also launched safety awareness program through its field offices to propagate safety culture.